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AMENDMENT D

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Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination is being filed in lieu of filing a Brief on Appeal. This Amendment D is presented as the submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

A five-month extension of time, from November 17, 2001 to April 17, 2002, is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment D.

Please amend the application as follows: